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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN
PHNOM PENH FOR THE ONE-WEEK PERIOD FEBRUARY 18 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24.

ROUTES 4 AND 5 ARE OMITTED SINCE BOTH WERE CLOSED DURING
THE REPORTING PERIOD.

FEB. 18 FEB. 19 FEB. 20 FEB. 21

BEGINNING STOCK 26,389.2 30,633.0 29,759.1 29,032.2

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MEKONG 5,199.0 - - -

TOTAL AVAILABLE	31,588.2	30,633.0	29,759.1	29,032.2
LESS DISTRIBUTION	933.6	863.5	711.5	815.3
BALANCE	30,654.6	29,769.5	29,047.6	28,216.9
ADJUSTMENT	(-) 21.6	(-) 10.4	(-) 15.4	(-) 17.7
BALANCE	30,633.0	29,759.1	29,032.2	28,199.2

FEB. 22	FEB. 23	FEB. 24
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BEGINNING STOCK	28,199.2	29,147.2	28,507.7
MEKONG	1,625.2	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	29,824.4	29,147.2	28,507.7
LESS DISTRIBUTION	592.1	635.1	-
BALANCE	29,232.3	28,512.1	28,507.7
ADJUSTMENT	(-) 85.1	(-) 4.4	-
BALANCE	29,147.2	28,507.7	-

2. STOCK POSITION. AT COB FEBRUARY 24 RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH WERE 26,882 M/T OR 41.3 DAYS SUPPLY AT 650/MT PER DAY.

3. DISTRIBUTION. AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION DURING THIS PERIOD WAS 650.1 M/T. AVERAGE FOR FEBRUARY THUS FAR IS 550.7 M/T.

4. ARRIVALS. ONE MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVED ON FEBRUARY 18 WITH 5,199 M/T. THE NEXT CONVOY IS EXPECTED ON THE 28TH. IF PRESENT SCHEDULES HOLD, THERE WILL BE 40,000 M/T OF RICE ARRIVING IN PHNOM PENH BY THE END OF MARCH.

5. THE FLUCTUATION IN DISTRIBUTION WHICH IS EVIDENT IN RECENT REPORTS IN THIS SERIES MAY BE PARTIALLY EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT NORMAL DISTRIBUTION - AND PAYMENT - WERE APPARENTLY INTERRUPTED BY THE FAILURE OF THE KHANDS TO FORWARD THEIR RICE RECEIPTS TO THE NEXT HIGHER ECHELON IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM - THE ETAT-MAJOR MIXTE DE RAVITAILLEMENT (EMMR), THUS BLOCKING THE FLOW OF FUNDS AND CAUSING SHARP CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF RICE PURCHASED BY THE CITIZENS. THE KHANDS HAD ACTUALLY HELD OVER 130 MILLION RIELS AS OF JANUARY 31, 1974, THUS EFFECTIVELY BLOCKING THE FLOW OF RICE TO THE POPULATION. THIS SITUATION HAS NOW BEEN MET BY TWO RESPONSES ON THE PART OF THE NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE:

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A) PURCHASES OF RICE MAY BYPASS THE KHANDS AND GO DIRECTLY TO THE EMMR AND

B) THE GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A DECREE WHICH REPLACES THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF RICE DISTRIBUTION AND PLACES CONTROL IN THE HANDS OF OFFINACO, FORMERLY AN OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NOW, BY THE SAME DECREE, MOVED TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

IN ADDITION, THE KHANDS ARE NOW BEING FORCED TO RELEASE ALL FUNDS IMPROPERLY HELD.

6. THE MOVEMENT OF 1000 TONS OF RICE FROM BATTAMBANG TO PHNOM PENH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN AS SOON AS AGREEMENTS CAN BE REACHED ON MEANS AND COST OF A RIVER CONVOY FROM KOMPONG CHHNANG TO PHNOM PENH. IF ESTABLISHED, THIS ROUTE COULD SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT SUPPLY LINE FOR RICE WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE TRANSIT THAILAND AT CONSIDERABLE COST.

7. AIR LIFTS OF RICE FROM PHNOM PENH TO THE PROVINCES HAVE BEEN INCREASED DUE TO A STEADILY INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES FLEEING COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREAS. POPULATION IN KOMPONG THOM, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS PROBABLY DOUBLED IN THE PAST MONTH AND THE AIR LIFT HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 200 TO 400 M/T PER MONTH.
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